GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:128
ANSWERED ON:18.11.2002
TOURISM IN CONCURRENT LIST
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether even after a year since his ministry put forth a proposal to bring tourism in concurrent list, some States have not agreed to it so far;

(b) if so, the names of the said States alongwith the reasons advanced therefor, State- wise;

(c) whether the Union Government have called a Conference of State Tourism Ministers in this regard recently; and

(d) if so, the details of issues discussed therein and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) and (b): The names of the States alongwith reasons where advanced for not agreeing to the proposal to include `Tourism` in the Concurrent List of the Constitution are at Annex-A.

(c) and (d): In the State Tourism Minister`s Conference held on 5th September, 2002 atNew Delhi, one of the issues discussed was to include `Tourism` in the Concurrent List of the Constitution. All the States who have not agreed to the proposal have been requested to reconsider their decision.

Annex-A

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.128 FOR ANSWER ON 18.11.2002 REGARDING TOURISM IN CONCURRENT LIST.

Name of the States who have not agreed to the proposal

S.No.	Name of the State	Reasons for not agreeing to the proposal
1	Andhra Pradesh	State Government need more autonomy and as such opposed the suggestion.
2.	Haryana, Karnataka and Punjab	The State Governments have decided to place `Tourism` in the State List of the Constitution of India.
3.	Jammu & Kashmir	The State Govt. does not agree to the proposal.
4	Kerala	Government of Kerala is of the view that if `Tourism` is included in the Concurrent List as proposed , the State Government is likely to loose the right to legislate on a major share of State subjects.
5.	Madhya Pradesh	The State Govt. will loose the right to legislate matters like taxes levied on the hospitality industry, taxes in the transport sector, law/rules governing State archaeological monuments, law/rules relating to construction of hotels, resorts etc. As such, the proposal is opposed by the State Government.

6. Tamil Nadu State Govt. is of the view that since large number of schemes in connection with tourism are in the State List, the proposal to include `Tourism` in the Concurrent List is not agreed to.

7. Maharashtra No reply to date.

8. Rajasthan No reply to date.